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Club hosts membership Meeting



Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata (RCSLMK) hosted membership meeting on Saturday September 2, 2023 at its regular venue at GPT Group Building, where members from neighboring clubs, namely, Rotary Calcutta Labanhrad, Rotary Salt Lake Silicon Valley, Rotary Abahaman Kolkata, Rotary Calcutta Park Point, and Rotary Amelia Kolkata attended and enjoyed hospitality of RCSLMK.

The main attraction of the meeting was maiden speeches of some of the new active members of RCSLMK in a Rotary meeting. Here are the brief account of resume and brief summary of the speeches:



Rtn Meenal Chaudhary, an alumnus of NID, Ahmedabad, who runs her own Textile Design firm, titled 'Meenakari', where she provides end-to-end solutions for all fabric and garment related needs, spoke standing in front of audience, on skilling women for their empowerment through self-dependence.

Past GSE team member Rtn Amrita Chatterjee, who is now pursuing PhD in Mass Communication and employed with South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE) engaged in improving livelihood and environment of East Calcutta Wetland, made a power point presentation from her seat, on improving environment and livelihood of people of East Calcutta Wetland through appropriate plantation, pisciculture and agriculture.



Social activist, representative of people of Salt Lake and Mayor in Council, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Rtn Rajesh Chirimar spoke on Social Welfare Schemes of Government collaboration with Rotary.



There was active participation of audience at the end of each speech.

Anand sharma, Assistant Governor, membership spoke on responsibilities of a new member & benefits of rotary membership



Dr Mahesh Maheswari, District Chair Membership Engagement, spoke on engagement of new members early in club programs as a way forward to retain them.

We meet calendar months' 2nd & 4th Saturdays at GPT Group, JC 25, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700098 at 6.00 PM

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Meeting began with self-introduction of members of Rotary fraternity present and RCSLMK's club business by President Kusum Chamaria. A brief overview of RCSLMK's GG project Matri Raksha along with its progress community impact till date was presented. Present Kusum, after vote of thanks, terminated the meeting and invited each one present to high tea.

RCSLMK collaborates on the World Sexual Abuse day

The Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society organizes

Awareness Walk

September 03, 2023
Sunday 9.00 AM

From College Square Main Gate to Wellington Square

Registration: Dr Avishek Bhadra 96749 95744; Dr Ramna Banejee 96746 33039; Mr Sanjay Sarkar 80176 59232
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On the eve of World Sexual Health Day on September 4, 2023, an awareness walk was organized by Bengal Obstetric & Gynecological Society on Sunday, September 3, 2023. The walk started from College Square Main Gate at about 9 am and terminated at Wellington Square. Being invited, Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata collaborated this year's World Sexual Abuse day!

RCSLMK and Teachers' Day



Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, on September 5, 1962, his first birthday as President of India, had expressed his desire to be remembered as a teacher and wished his birthday be celebrated as Teachers' Day throughout the nation. Since then, September 5 is celebrated in India as Teachers' Day.



Originally it was meant to pay respect to ill-paid, but well respected teachers. Over years, such celebration has grossly become an opportunity to please teachers more by parents through their kids, compromising their innocence.



However, rarest of rare exception was the unceremonious and unpublicized incident of paying respect to all nine dedicated teachers of a primary school meant for one hundred thirty kids coming from marginalized families of Dattabad where around 40000 people live in 10200 homes, who have never had any land deed despite residing within Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation.



President Kusum Chamaria and Rtn Ashok Kumar Surana of Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata (RCSLMK) reached Bidyadhari Primary School near Dattabad on September 5, 2023, where they, on behalf of RCSLMK, paid respect to teachers, honored them with umbrellas, a symbol of protecting the soul of students.



They further gifted each kid with writing and painting tools including writing and painting books and safe sweets in colorful and durable bags



The little students gave return gift by displaying their competence in performing arts.



The overwhelmed Rotary members, before leaving, said in bold and blue, ***“Keep children innocent – today, tomorrow, forever”***.

Rotary History and Anecdotes

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – ***across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.***

Rotary International is a global service organization whose stated human rights purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to ***provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.***

Rotary started with the vision of one man - ***Paul Harris***. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905,

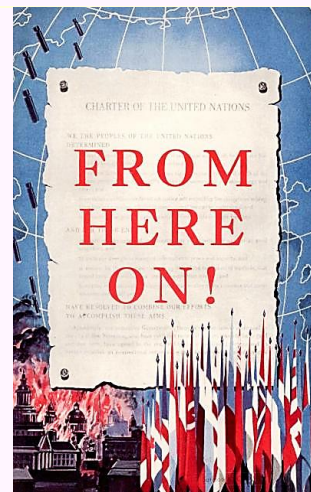
Over last 118 years, Rotary, like other surviving institutions, has changed itself to remain inclusive and contemporary ***without compromising its dynamism and relevance.***

In this section, the editorial team of Spectrum would like to touch upon and share certain pertinent anecdotes from the rich history of Rotary We appreciate and welcome considered opinion and views of our valued readers.

Rotary and United Nations

Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world. During World War II, Rotary informed and educated members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace.

Materials such as the booklet ***“From Here On!”*** and articles in The Rotarian helped members understand the UN before it was formally established and follow its work after its charter.



Many countries were fighting the war when the term “United Nations” was first used officially in the 1942 “Declaration by United Nations.” The 26 nations that signed it pledged to uphold the ideals expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom the previous year of the common principles “on which they based their hopes for a better future for the world.”

Officials from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States met in Moscow in 1943 and called for the creation of an international organization to maintain peace and security.

The next year, representatives of those countries plus China held conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to go about this monumental task. Those sessions became known as the ***Dumbarton Oaks conference***, where delegations from the four countries developed a proposal for the structure of the new organization.

After the conference, Rotary published ***“What Can Rotarians Do Following Dumbarton Oaks?”*** It included the proposed charter, talking points, and suggestions for discussing with club members how the United Nations would relate to Rotary’s goal of advancing international understanding. It also emphasized the importance of having a plan ready for when the war ended, rather than waiting until the fighting stopped.

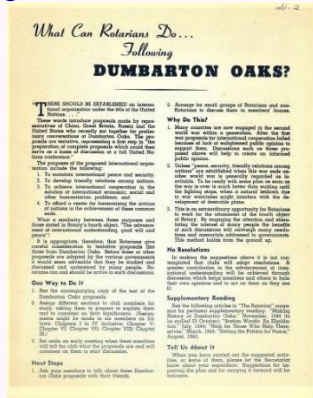
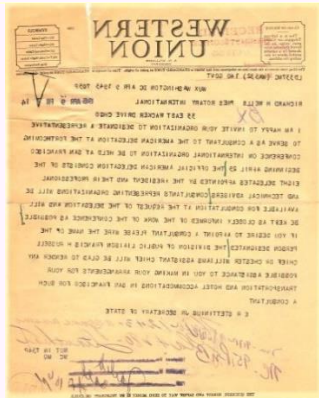
After World War I, “proposals for international cooperation failed because of lack of enlightened public opinion to support them,” it explained. Discussions among members “will help to create an informed public opinion.”

“Timely Questions on Dumbarton Oaks” followed to help Rotarians understand the complexities of the proposed charter. The flyer presented different perspectives on the ***Security Council*** and other aspects of the UN as topics for Rotary club programs or discussions. At the same time, governments around the world were carefully studying and reacting to the work done at Dumbarton Oaks.

From April to June 1945, delegations from 50 nations attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (often known as the San Francisco conference). Their task was to write a charter acceptable to all of them. The delegations were assisted in this historic effort by a large number of staff, advisers, and consultants.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco conference. Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International’s 11 representatives served in rotation. ***The people officially representing Rotary included the General Secretary, the editor of The Rotarian, and several past presidents. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations’ delegations.*** Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.

Just before the meetings began, Rotary International published and distributed the “Pattern for the San Francisco Conference” pamphlet. “It is a splendid opportunity for the individual Rotarian to fulfill the objective of International Service,” the document proclaimed, “by taking part in the debate on this scheme of world government.”



Telegram inviting Rotary International to serve as a consultant to the U.S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference. **“Timely Questions on Dumbarton Oaks” helped Rotarians understand the complexities of the proposed charter**

Throughout the rest of 1945, The Rotarian and other publications kept Rotary members informed about issues and developments related to the new organization. Editorials and articles clarified issues, provided additional insights and talking points, and updated readers on what was happening and the people involved through July, 1945, August, 1945 and November, 1945 issues of the Rotarian. After the UN was established, the 95-page booklet **“From Here On!”** contained the exact text of the UN Charter on one side of every two-page spread with annotations and questions designed to stimulate discussion on the other. With this layout, Rotarians could use it to learn and lead club discussions.

The Charter, it explained, would be effective only if “free citizens” worldwide were determined to give it vitality. “The Rotarian faithfully following these pages,” the booklet said, “will find himself treading the path to service.”

In 1946, Rotary published a supplement listing the major accomplishments of the meetings held by the UN General Assembly in January and February of that year. Later articles in The Rotarian kept the United Nations and its work on the minds of members through June 1946, September 1948, March 1955, September 1955 and October 1955 issues.

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN’s Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

Rotary Day at the United Nations each year celebrates the organizations’ shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the United Nations lead around the world.

PS: The editorial team of Spectrum requests readers to download **“2019_159_RotaryUN_EN”** from Rotary Archive and watch, **‘A shared Vision’** a short video connected to involvement of Rotary in forming the UN.

Upcoming Anemia screening and treatment camps under Global Grant 1991152 titled “Matri Raksha”

The 29th camp shall be on Sunday September 10, 2023 at Kalyani in association with proposed RCC Manab Seba Ashram, Nadia

The 30th camp shall be on Sunday September 24, 2023 at Uttarpara in association with Rotary Serampore

The 31st camp shall be on Sunday October 1, 2023 at Patharghata, Newtown

The 32nd camp shall be on Sunday October 15, 2023 at Kulpi, in association with Rotary Kolkata Galaxy

The 33rd camp shall be tentatively on Sunday October 22, 2023 at Patharpratima, in association with Rotary Kolkata Galaxy

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

TAILPIECE

Artists to align for a polio-free world



Immediate past RI President shares, “We won’t stop until every child is safe from the paralyzing effects of polio.” Speaking of Rotary’s unwavering commitment at the event at Colosseum’s Red Carpet in Rome on September 3, 2023

GLOBAL CITIZEN Michael Sheldrick of Global Citizen reminded on the occasion: “With the actions we

take today, we can shape a better world for generations to come. Let’s make polio that shining example of hope. Together, let’s make history and eradicate polio.”

Global Citizen, also known as Global Poverty Project, is an international education and advocacy organization that seeks to catalyze the movement to end extreme poverty and promote social justice and equity through the lens of intersectionality

RI 2023-24 Board Director Alberto Cecchini and 'Time for Change' creator & producer Danilo Cirilli, emphasize tonight’s deeper mission: a world free from polio.

